For the South Atlantic States, falling barometer. barometer, easterly winds, warmer, and partly cloudy weather.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY Was clear and THERMOMETER YESTERDAY : 6. A. M. 9 A. M., 25; noon, 37; 3 P. M., 39; 6 P. M., 35; midnight, 29. 

## LOCAL MATTERS.

Legislative Items. STATEMENT FROM THE AUDITOR TO THE EFFECT

THAT THE PRESENT REVENUE WILL PAY POUR PER CENT. INTEREST UPON THE DEBT PROPER-PUBLIC PRINTING INVESTIGATION-CONVICTS ON CANAL, &C. The following was read to the House yes COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS. RICHMOND, January 10, 1879. To the Hon. Henry C. Allen, Speaker of the House of Delegates: Sir,-I have received a resolution of your

honorable body, agreed to January S, 1879, in the following words: "Whereas there exists much doubt as to the amount of interest on the State debt the present rate of taxation will pay, nearly

own peculiar method of figuring; therefore be it "Resolved, That the Auditor of Public

what amount of interest the present rate of taxation will pay.'

In response thereto I beg leave to say that I am of opinion that, from the best consideration I can give the subject, the present rate of tax will yield a sufficient amount Commonwealth will take place in the year will be a falling off in values of from twen- terday, and return to-day ty to twenty-five per centum upon the real estale. There will probably be none in the land, and the debt be adjusted upon the hasis of four per cent., the deficiency must, or by the ascertainment of new subjects of taxation, which will yield the necessary sions the reduction in the annual amount of criminal charges, the reform and retrenchment policy inaugurated at the last session of the General Assembly, are all items which go far to confirm me in my opinion that four per cent, could be paid upon the debt proper-not forgetting, however, that it is all contingent upon maintaining present values, or upon an increased rate of tax should those values be reduced. or upon the ascertainment of new subjects of taxation, as I have above suggested. I am, very respectfully,
WHILIAM F. TAYLOR,

Auditor Public Accounts.

PUBLIC PRINTING. The joint Committee on Printing were in session again yesterday. Mr. Goode was on the stand. He will be further examined

THE CONVICTS' MORTALITY.

The committees of the two bouses baving charge of the subjects pertaining to prisons and convicts had a session in the Senate chamber last night-Senator W. D. Quesenberry in the chair-and completed the examination of witnesses as to the extraordinary mortality amongst the convicts employed on the canal last spring. About 10:30 the committees separated.

A session of the Senate committee folowed immediately. There was some comparison of views, but it being apparent that time would be required to druft a report thre committee adjourned to meet this morning.

"WEEK OF PRAYER" AT YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION HALL.—There was a still further increase in the attendance at the ball yesterday evening, and one of the most interesting meetings yet held. In the absence of Rev. J. Z. Tyler, who

was detained by sickness, Rev. Dr. Judkins conducted the meeting, and made an admirable address. Earnest, practical, and effective remarks were made by Rev. Dr. Preston, Rev. George F. Williams, Rev. Mr. Duval, and Rev. Dr. J. E. Edwards. Rev. Dr. Read, Rev. Dr. Edwards, and Dr. Judkins led in special prayer for "The Press"-that its mighty powers may be re-

strained from evil, and directed in doing the special topic will be . Missions, Home and Foreign," that the world may be con-

It will be decided this evening whether there will be special meetings and prayer next week for a general revival in the city.

Personal.-Signor Giuseppe Emanuelle Centaro, secretary of the Italian Minister of War at Rome, and wife are at present sojourning in this city. Signor Centaro was recently married in Liverpool to Miss Ellen Hutchinson, a native of this city, and granddaughter of the late James Caskie. E-q., formerly president of the Bank of Virginia. They are now on their bridal tour, and will remain in Riebmond for some time, being domiciled at the residence of John H. Williams, Esq., Linden Row, Grace street.

Mr. James B. Ezell, of Columbia, S. C., former of Richmond, was in the city yes-Wirt Davis, United States army, formerly of Richmond, is registered at the Ameri-

Among the visitors to the Tobacco Ex-Sorth Catolina; R. H. Herndon, Danville; W. Jones, R. Wilson, Petersburg; E. Gills, New York; H. C. Nath, Mem-George E. Paylori Dagger's Springs, and Allen W. Magee, Clarksville,

TUREST THIEVES AT WORK. Thursday ght four men, supposed to be negroes. re discovered in the yard of Mr. C. W.

Railway Up the James.

GHARY COMPANY, BEFORE THE COMMIT-TEES OF THE TWO HOUSES. THE BOAD TO BE A FIRST CEASS ONE AND TO BE BUILT ON THE CANAD TOW-PATH THE PUR-A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS CANDIDLY AN-SWERED-INFORMATION FOR EVERYBODY INTERESTED IN THE CANAL OR PROPOSED RAILWAY-THE JOINT SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEES DISCONTINUED AND REAL EARNEST WORK NOW TO BE COMMENCED.

The Committees on Roads and Internal Navigation of the two houses of the General Assembly met in the hall of the House of Delegates yesterday evening-Senator W. H. F. Lee in the chair-for further consideration of the bill in relation to the transfer of the property and franchises of the James River and Kanawha Company to the the rights of the people, I am sure, will be Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Company. Nearly all the committeemen were Many citizens of Richmondproperty-holders and business-men-occupied seats and gave close attention to the proceedings.

H. C. Parsons, Esq., vice-president of the railroad company, according to the arrangement made at the last meeting, gave his views and answered the questions and objections beretofore advanced. He said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Committee.-In appearing, in answer to your

invitation, to explain as far as might not be inconsistent the purpose and plan of the that the great unoccupied territory between Richmond and Alleghany Bailroad Company, I wish first to say that in the arrangement made with the James River and Kanawha Company each party undertookthe one to build a railroad, the other to secure legislation; for this reason, and for the weightier reason that those whom I represent felt that

THIS QUESTION WAS A BUSINESS ONE every member of the Assembly having his that more or less affected the people of the whole State, and of such a nature that our interest or pleasure would not and ought not to have any weight in its consideration. Accounts be directed to report officially I was directed to avoid any word or act that might even have the seeming of a purpose to influence your action.

It is represented by the James River and Kanawha Company, and by members of the Columbia to Clifton Forge it passes through Legislature, that our position has been misunderstood; that it has indicated a lack of marble, slates, barytes, manganese, and, of revenue to pay four per centum interest interest and purpose to press the project, upon the public debt proper, provided the and it is said that in a matter of such tinuously. present assessments of property can be main- weighty import the members were entitled tained. It must be remembered, however, to all the information and argument we that a general reassessment of the lands of the might have in its favor, for objectors are everywhere present. At your invitation I 1880 (next year), and my fear is that there attended and listened to the argument yes-

A LIST OF OURSTIONS

that have been handed me, and I shall be value of personal property. Should there glad to receive any others, presuming, of Lake Superior line until we reach the mea-dollars a year, and the cost of construction then be this depreciation in the value of course that all will recognize that I ought course, that all will recognize that I ought sures that pass through Virginia, and here remains uppaid, and the schedule of debts not to disclose any business details that do not concern the public, the disclosure of of course, be made up by either an increase which might embarrass my company. I two tons of ore to make a ton of iron the my directness, but it is no time for glitterin the rate of tax upon the reduced values have abbreviated and arranged the questions as follows:

amount of revenue. The reduction in legislative expenses by reason of biennial ses
If it has no relations how will it escape required they will never be lighted.

The reduction in legislative expenses by reason of biennial ses
If it has no relations how will it escape required they will never be lighted. If it has no relations how will it escape being frozen over? What does it depend upon for revenue?

If the canal cannot live, how can a rail-What is its plan of building?

What will it do with the canal during construction? What will it do about water-rents?

What with farm-bridges? What with the dams? What with southside connections? Where will the location be made? Will it be a well- or cheaply-built road? What is the general purpose of pro-

ectors? Does the company intend to mortgage its works heavily? Does the company intend to encourage local developments, or simply to rest on

its first investments? Why does your company object to amendments to the present bill! Is this a Richmond enterprise! Il not, why are its interests so specially guarded? What about a Pitsburgh connection?

How will this road affect the Chesapeake and Ohio, and the Atlantic, Mississippi and Obio? How will it affect Norfolk? If you propose a mineral road, how do you explain that every furnace on the canal is out of blast and every mine closed? Will the canal be destroyed? Will convicts be

used in construction? Some of these questions it is difficult and some it seems unnecessary to answer, but I will CONSIDER THEM-ALL.

The Richmond and Alleghany has no re fation with any other corporation. It does not expect any favor or privilege except such as the interests of those corporations may induce them to accord. It undertakes with the full knowledge that the connecting through lines have each its own line to the sea, and while it ultimately expects a considerable interchange of through freights it bases all its calculation upon local business. We believe this local business will return a reasonable interest on the required outlay, THE PLAN OF CONSTRUCTION

is fixed in the contract. The construction will be from Lynchburg down the river, and from the mouth of North river, or post sibly Lexington, down, unless it is desi- authorize with any other corporation. So It has been objected that it only has beenwill be conducted by Rev. Dr. Preston, and rable to bring the rails largely from the far as we can judge, we shall be able to West, in which case the construction above make Lynchburg would be from Clifton Forge. The contract and the interest of all parties are on the whole in ha mony. The keeping open of the canal is essential to cheap construction until the banks are actually required. The revenues of the canal would of course be largely increased during construction, and form an important consideration. To build downward would make available the completed railroad, and increase business on the open canal, and would save the boats from being landlocked. The water-repts are protected in the contract. The farm-bridges will simply be lowered to line of railroad. The dams that can be made available for manufactu-

> communities. About southside connections. de Dopots will be generally located by the present Wheeling, and about the same time it was sentation of the merits of the project, and structures and ferries, and they will be proposed in Philadelphia to connect that maintained. They acquire a new importing with Phtsbargh there may have been tance from the building of a railroad. The men was objected that a competition would

gage its road heavily AGE AIZIDMIT The road will be well built with steel rail men and their objections have been tram-and thorough equipment. It will not use pied under foot, And does any one thinks convicts in construction." The company that Baitimore regrets even the millions she does not object to amendments. It has not has added to recursicon peculiaries with Wheel-

especially as The Hid will be stimarily a the control of any state of the front city of local road. The Tourist and the stimarily a the control of the contr

NONE OF THE CALL PLANT BE UNDERSTAFF.

The people on James Free Law and earlier the light people of the people of

to see still RICHMOND, 101 VA. SATURDAY MORNING. JANUARY 10, 1879.

Perhaps I should belittle this work, and thin local interests are specially guarded he apeals of it as an enterprise full of hazard will blace himself against it, and promising dittle returns but Inshall to his been impossible from the first to make to you no other statement than I made carry on this negotiation of strictly business to the gentlement who undertake it; even it principles or upon the wisk of multiplying the amendments SPEECH OF H. C. PARSONS, ESQ., VICE-PRESS TAKE OF EXCITING the relies of Richmond, for local interest plus portant and often in SIDENT OF THE RICHMOND AND ALLES Norfolk, Petersburg, and Lynchburg to combine to themselves and build a like that they ought long since to have built— that would have brought them all great benefit and would have proven a good investment, ....

We do e-teem it important, and sincere tope it will sometime be built, as we think it would advance the development of the fron interests of Virginia. We do not expect to build the road or assist the building. Its importance will be referred to further on.

the interest of Richmond, or Nortolk, or Pittsburgh, or any other community; but, so far as I know the purpose, it will be BUILT AND OPERATED ON PURELY BUSINESS T PRINCIPLES, H. L.

Of course the cities on the line will be most benefited, but the liws of trade and tempt to divert from natural channels which bas so burdened communities and railroads should cease. For myself, if I cannot profit except at

any city that depends not on natural advannatural right, and should be levelled that a expenditures, not cost. We do not speak better city may be built on foundations appointed by nature. Whoever will examine the man will see

the Chesapeake and Ohio and Atlantic, Mis-

ral benefit. He will see, also, that every good reason requires the most free and untrammelled interchange, and wherever he interest, doubled every ten years-result. is he may be sure that the interest of this \$140,000,000. The other reported as folcompany would be in the tine of his own lows: protection.

above all, iron ores, succeed each other con

THE GREAT DEPOSITS

steel in England or in America below the payers of this State more than half a million they are pure and unlimited.

What are the relations of the Richmond of ore for the product, the furnaces there that now attempt to carry it? Were not the Where will the

NEW FURNACES BE BUILT?

clared, after careful examinations, on Lake Superior, on Lake Champlain, in Missouri, or in Virginia, and adds that the last would be first if she had proper connections. profit by this development; but if it is to be rapid, the demands will be beyond her commercial or banking facilities. The furnaces that must be built, in order to manufacture cheaply, will require for construction, and especially for discounts, such aid as Pittssame as to Huntington, the desirability of that connection must appear. But

porations whose interests will be so advanced by this trade. These are among the REASONS THAT HAVE INDUCED STRONG MEN TO

provision you make, or any contract you the New York Central \$76,128,686.

and we shall ask nothing unfair. Every ex-

had many-has encouraged us. If the amendments, presented on yesterday are an indication of the purpose of the Legislature, it is the more important that additional legislation should be given. Above all things I do desire that this earnest attempt to relieve a people shall by no accident result in delaying their deliverance. The representative of Richmond further expresses alarm because it has been suggested that the building of this railroad

might hasten the building of ring purposes will be maintained. This is ... A BOAD TO MEET IT PROM PITTSBURGE. the only value the company could find in His manner was serious, and I suppose he them, and it meets the highest want of the was sincere, and yet it was a strange remark. When forty years ago it was proposed in Baltungre to connect that city with company cannot, under its charter, mortal thus drive for the intermediate trade, but any in the mighty advances of those claims such This is not a Richmond enterprise, but touch? Would it not be a great day for we recognize the great importance of this Richmond and for Norfolk if they, his especially as the road and of the wife the

The Pame gentleman also, objects that in would be against the interest of The State to send der raw material beyond her finals.

THE BROAD CONSIDERATION OF STATE POLICY apparent conflict, thaven stendily asserted themselves of The contract agreed upon, un-explained, would be to a business man, at-terly measurementale. It was the result to for them in any great degree, and ret and allong and singere effort to protect local of allong and sincere effort to protect local interests, and at the same time make certain alone will make it perfection The present bill is simply to authorize one of these corpora tions to act. It is not a charter or an amendment to a charter. It is not a bill authori zing the city of Richmond or any other city to do or to withhold anything.

The representative of Richmond, how ever, makes one objection upon broader 000,000 and valuable franchises. I need not repeat that this is not a grant

all, but simply authority to a corporation. knowing its own necessity, to do what it regarded. It is high time this wretched at- has reluctantly but unanimously decided was best; but I will refer to this estimate of values. alues. If it is true, as charged, that a property

of great actual value is to be conveyed, the gentlemen I represent have under-estimated it. I have labored very hard in presenting the project to make this out, and have been What is the test of values? Surely not

> ships, and much less of properties that forever tax and never pay. Let us be exact. These works did not cost \$12,000.000, but \$9,476,492.54 for construction, although

> THEIR ACTUAL COST HAS BEEN ENGRHOUS, and is continuous. Since yesterday Tasked two gentlemen to report the cost. One reported \$140,000,000. I demanded his colculation. He said : Cost nearly \$10,000,000 forty years ago, never paid any dividend or

years...... 15,920,597 46 \$25.397,000 00 Repairs, losses. &c...... 5,860,163 32 Interest 11½ years 4,043,512 58

9,903,675 90

35,300,675 90

D duct income... 8,912,200 39 Interest 11½ years 6,149,418 23

15,061.618 62 20,239,057 28 Is it true that this investment of the State vest of the Blue Ridge are supplemented that was made with such high hopes; that by great deposits cast of it of a different tempted over \$1,000,000 of private capital; kind, so that every variety found in Ameri- that was so full of promise that the Legisca is here. A new significance comes from lature in the act of incorporation declared the recent demands for the Bessemer trade. that the dividends should never exceed There are no high-grade ores suitable for fifteen per cent., has actually cost the taxin default exceed \$1,900,000, not one dollar When it required four tons of fuel and of which was for construction? Pardon furnaces were built by the coal, but when, ing generalities. Is this a thing of value? as now, it requires one ton of fuel and two Is it not a burden crushing the shoulders

> But there are others, more serious, that I wish to prevent. If it is hard to tell the cost of this property, it is harder to tell what it has not cost.

> Forty years ago the wealth and hopes of this State were centred largely on James river. How to develop this valley and make it available was the question most anxiously considered. After long debate it was determined to surrender it to the great water line. No territory has ever been more carefully guarded. The Central railroad was sent to the pines on the north, the Southside through the pines on the south. Money that is untold; legislation that fills twenty nets was given it; and the result confronts us.

In estimating this cost I find that every county through which this line passes, save Rockbridge and the counties touched by railroads, has not only

LOST IN WEALTH

but actually in population between 1830 and 1870, and the census of 1880 will tell a sadder story. But not only this, at the same and one in Pennsylvania, with a different decision. In the former it was agreed to it is possible that in one hundred and forty have a railroad and a capal; in the latter to substitute a railroad for a capal. Let us for a moment compare the results: Upon the James River and Kanawha canal there are fourteen counties; on the New York Cenrailroad, seventeen counties. The results are given in the following statement: The length of the James River and Kn-nawba cannot is 220 miles; of the New York

they should do so; it seems to me that your Central, 298 miles; of the Pennsylvania railroad, 355 miles. The valuation of the counties on the canal is \$90,168,983; on the New York Cen-

tral, \$859,511,868; on the Pennsylvania railroad, \$2,292,962,602. It has been objected that while these lines suited, a good title must be secured, and it mave opened mines and built towns, they is a serious question whether you ought to have not benefited the farmers. Let us see

case we do not succeed. It seems to me . The valuation of farms on the canal is there are interests too important to be left 287,605,672; on the New York Central, quired by law has been subscribed and paid liam H. Parrish for Bain & Co., Norfolk. to any uncertainty. Our company will not \$391,214,401; and the annual value of farm in, and that this company has no connection. The captain and crew had barely time to regard as hostile or prejudicial any other products on the canal is \$8,171,214, and on with the Chesapcake and Ohio railroad, make their escape, and lost a portion of

> efited a few, and yet I find that while THE POPULATION, HAS INCREASED

on both of these lines about 100 per cent. the wealth has increased 500 per cent. The ratio of increase on the New York Central would liave added to the values on James river \$480,000,000; that on the Pennsylvania railroad would have added \$480,-000,000. The total valuation of Virginia is the members and friends of the congrega-\$409,588,183.

These calculations of values only go back twenty years. To go back forty years and a smite for all. Mrs. Dr. Robinson and would give even more startling results. But no words can add to or diminish the fearful import of these tables.

This artery has not been the life-tide; the loors have closed again; the apples are all ashes.

And if the gentleman is deceived I would undeceive him. The gentlemen who stand freshments to all in attendance. It is selrendy to undertake this enterprise have decided to do so only upon the urgent pre There was no reserve, no formality every-THE ASSURANCE MADE IN GOOD FAITH that they would be met in a frank, and cor-

dial spirit. They have rejected every sug-gestion to speculate in the depreciated se-curities of this company; they have agreed io a contract that the majority of business men would condemn. There are burden some conditions in the some of which seem innecessary, If the case is to be opened hey would, perhaps, suggest many changes, or myself, I, would say that my strength as been broken in the effort to secure this L hove no peart to renew ne intions upon any other basks in land the people on James river have been ion

Gentleme, I have spoken and finished speaking, or the Richmond and Alleghany Railfood ompany. May I speak a few chmond and Alleghany May T speak a few moments to other interests that to me are much moritatrinsically important than the

him more axious than if I had been able to prove myfaith by an lequal wenture with a great public improvement. It will not them. I could not be understood as speak-satisfy every objection and it never can be ing for tem alone, but only as through so changed as to do this. It has been green their necessity I learn the general needs of the valler In inv speech before vou last winter isling the passage of the Richmond and Allemany bill, you will bear me witness that said if that bill would bur a better projec and delay by one hour's time the but if you did pass it you ought to leave in it every franchise and power that would make its success probable. You reported grounds. He says that this is a grant of it without dissent, and passed it with a sin-immensa value—of a property worth \$12,- gle amendment and a single negative vote. gle amendment and a single negative vote. You pissed no other bill. From then until now I have labored without rest to make effective your act, with only the result reported and I wid say that I should have aband ned the effort months ago if the implied responsibility of this trust had not driven me on. In this general scheme my faith is not shaken; L believe b . 70 Z THERE IS A DESTINY THAT NOTHING CAN

that will bring power and wealth to this vallet.

Company can afford to wait. The cities of Perhaps the State, developing in other diections, can wait the twenty years that has been suggested as a period in which these franchises would become valuable. But there are men who cannot wait. There are men who this year will be driven from their neestral homes unless relief comes. They have held on to the last, and failure will fol low, and precipitate failure. A newly-disovered and enormous wealth, which is just ecoming real to large numbers of men, will only hasten their disaster. Have ever a pecple been so bitterly disappointed? I would not recur to the interests of the State. The integral mistake was not strange, and should not be unkindly named; but to repeat it, or to continue it, would be cruelty. It is enough to mention the startling fact that if railroad had in 1830 been built by the State on the line of this canal, and had made a record of dividends proportionate to the Virginia Central, the difference in cost and profit and loss would pay every dollar of the State debt.

There are few higher duties of a State than ts obligation to its citizens to give them the best access to markets. Individuals cannot build roads or bridge rivers, and it is a serious thing to say that this man or com- and the Old Dominion steamship Wyanoke munity perished because they were shut out from the world. It is sometimes a The Wyanoke left Norfolk Wednesday at grave thing to grant relief; it is always a 11:30 P. M., and was compelled to cut her grave thing to withhold it.

have been long subjects of ridicule or regret. From the first she has seemed conscious of a power she could not prove, and of wealth that was never attained. The early derstand, he rises from every hour of triumph.

monwealth from the beginning, a greatness was in store for her, but not of the kind she sought. The foundations of her strength her success was through walls of iron. Outrun in the progress of the past, the very discoveries and inventions of her rivals have made swift and sure the way of her victory. A law that cannot be changed has declared be near the coal, but shall be near the ore; a peculiar ore can only meet the demands of trade, and that ore is not in Great Britain; is not found in all America below the parallel of Lake Superior until you reach the

tion; here an arm of the sea reaches inland safety. miles one hundred and forty furnaces may be built, each with its own supply of ore and limestone; here can be produced and tral, fifteen counties; on the Pennsylvania ers the cheapest iron in America. In those mountains will yet be wrought the iron bonds for tribute-paying peoples, and, with a power that shall not be questioned, with a The banks of the river on the Chesterfield harvest that shall bring, a sheaf to every home, Virginia shall assert her right and the day with spectators, enjoying the grand It may not be in the power of this Legis-

lature to hasten or defer that day, but it would be a proud thing if you could throw wide the doors, and let the day break. It would be a sad thing if you were to extend his master, was stake The Capacity was In answer to questions of Senator, Ful-

Several other questions in regard to the their clothing and some money. The ice company were answered. On motion of Mr. Robinson of Ports- freshet, and, running against it, loosened it month, the committee's meetings in joint from its moorings. It drifted down the session were ordered to be discontinued. river without injury, but soon run on a Each committee will meet in its own room rock and was sunk.

CHURCH SOCIABLES-TWO HAPPY EVENTS. The monthly sociable at the Monumental church last night was largely attended by tion. Rev. Mr. Armstrong moved about among the throng and had a welcome word Miss Walke, of Accomac, sung a duet, and Early, of Lynchburg; and there were several excellent recitations. After the intellectual part of the programme was completed the Ladies: Committee served excellent redom that so pleasant an evening is spent. body greeted leverybody else as a dear friend, and all left that it was pleasant that afterwards. The ice as it was borne down they had been together. Such evenings as by the swollen waters was broken to these are the Mecca's of the mind to which pieces and ground up by the passage to our latest hours we revert with feelings of the rocky bed of the waster. The mind to which pieces and ground up by the passage of the rocky bed of the waster. unalloyed pleasure

living upon ames river in this amendanty. | THE RESING OF THE WAYERS. tiffe is the beder days of their little. THE JAMES AGAIN SWOLLEN HOCKETTS INUNDATED A MORING PANORAMA-RE-

The total file of the stand patients.

High water in James river has become exception, but the general rule itself. Hence | street between Main and Cary, into Cary, our community was not over-surprised our Franklin; and lock streets wear Seven awaking yesterday morning, to find the feenth. Many persons in the district flood-waters of the river swollen to a considerable, ed in 1977 had removed their goods either to of various shapes and sizes boiling and high-water mark. There was considerable seething in its mad passage towards tide water!

The waters commenced to rise about 10 clock. About that hour the water and The rain and comparatively moderate weather of Thursday had the effect of caus- moved all of the goods off of their first ing a very general breaking up of the ice floors. Dp to midnight last night the water formed in the James above Riebmond, had not reached Main or Franklin streets so From the time the rising commenced until lar as fo damage anything, but there were this morning the rise was rapid, and at 5 lights in all the stores, and stiff rising. THE FLOOD IN ROCKETTS.

At Rocketts at the above bour the water had reached No. 3124 Main street. From that point for about four squares eastward was entirely submerged. Valuables had been moved entirely away or bad been stored in the upper stories. As far as learned, there was no accident or casualty. All parties living in the districts heretolore flooded were, profiting by their past expert proach of the waters, and many had already removed.

At the City Gas-Works the water had reached the lime-kilns, and the usual precautions were being taken for the preservation of city property.

A dispatch received by Colonel Munford. secretary of the James River and Kanawha canal, at 31 o'clock, stated that the water was about five feet rise and, like Iser, falling rapidly. The water that had reached the city up to

this writing was not from Lynchburg, but was from the Rivanna and its tributaries. All parties with whom the reporter conversed on his tour of observation were of the opinion that the freshet was not caused by the water received as above, but was caused by an ice-gorge at some point below the city, either at Dutch Gap or Graveyard Reach. The wreck of the schooner Oakes Ames, mentioned below, was partially supposed to be the cause of the gorge. THE NOCLE WYANOKE.

Persons were crossing the river at Rock.

etts on the ice up to 10 o'clock last night reached her wharf shortly after that hour. way through thick ice. The energy and enterprise of the officers of the company in battling to a successful issue against such a sea of troubles cannot be too highly comable to do so.

As the Wyanoke approached her wharf, the commotion in the ice caused the sinking of one of the barges belonging to the Old Dominion Company. Application was one of the city down, the burge pumped out, and its sinking prevented.

At the Chesapeake and Ohio wharves the

vater commenced rising about 11 o'clock ten inches per hour up to 7 o'clock A. M.; after which the rise varied from five to six inches per hour. At last accounts the water was about six feet over the lower dock. Work of removing freight to places of safety commenced about 24 o'clock A. M. yesterday, and was continued until everything had been removed.

On the basin and dock thick ice again formed, and the upper dock and basin were thronged with delighted skaters all day. Ice from three to four inches in thicknes was cut from the dock between Seventeenth here it has been thrown up in immense and and Eighteenth streets. The hands on the regular folds, and here those folds are cut at | ice-bound vessels in the dock-were engaged low level by a mighty adit into which the during the day in breaking the ice around mines can be drained and cleared by gravita- them, and in otherwise providing for their

time a like debate was held in New York two hundred miles towards the coal-fields three inches over the upper dock at these using the Dooley Powder you saye in eggs. In

The wharves of the Old Dominion Steamshops of the Westham Granite Company. side and Libby Hill were crowded during panorama of moving tee and the surging of

piled above the vessel was broken by the

At Graveyard Reach the schooner Oakes Ames, Edwards master, was also sunk. The Ames was from New York, loaded with hay for this city. As above stated, it is the opinion of some

parties that the supposed ice-gorge was Mrs. Robinson and Miss Minnie Whitcomb caused by this wreck. There are several each a solo, with accompaniment by Miss other ice bound vessels below the city from which no report had been received when this was written if and the badw A SCENE OF SUBLIMITY.

Early vesterday morning the scene from

libby Hill was one of great magnificence. The water had not then left the bed of the river, overflowing the banks as it did soon od The monthly sociable of St. Paul's church rapids, it covered the water several frebes man nico held has evening; and the occasion thick and floated rapidly past the city; have want a sociable one indeed of the beloved the thought appearance of a moving field of snown The sun's beams falling on it, gave it the appearance of pollshed silven, surrounded by frosted work on some hinge stield The spectacle was one of great will fully as R. S. ANDERSON & SON, W. M. rate of oreters well may awe one rarely seen in this little old ones, infinitely strengthened and under consumer to who were toring to Cyponine. For Chappen Hands, and under the chappen Hands.

in I o'clock was rising at the fate of from six to eight inches per hour, and there was

CASH-INVARIABLY IN AGVANCE

PORTED ICE-GORGE-ARRIVAL OF THE W. T. King a stimac-mills, below the gas-WYANGKE-SCHOOLERS SUNK-FIELDS OF morks, and hands were engaged removing FLOATING | ICE-A-GRAND | SPECTACLE; the stock to a phier of safety. In many about of safety velocity of phaces the houses had to be abandough and the inmates seek other starters.

High water in James river has become Last night at 11 o'clock the water from Shockoe creek hod backed into Beventeenth

xtent and covered with fragments of ice the upper stories or to buildings above the excitement and wagons were encaged in hanling goods from the wharves on the dock up town. At the corner of Dock and Eighteenth streets the water was over the dock but not above or below west of Twentysecond street. Messrs. Davemport & Morris clock P. M. yesterday it was thirteen feet street, wagons waiting, and all proparations bove the ordinary level at the dock-gates made for contending against the rawages of the water and for the preservation of pro-

perty, add not any some wift to! FOR OTHER "LOCAL" SEE FOURTH PAGE.

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TI. I CONSIDER THIS PROJECT, od your .. and to agree upon conditions stated to undertake the work. If it is desirable that consideration should be turned as much to making this thing sure as to meeting individual opinions I At the best it is not eertain. Madifficult and important negotiation intervenes. Creditors holding claims aggregating nearly it wo, millions must be conadjourn without making other provision in if there has been any costs here.

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relief of a people, you ought not to pass it; broken ice from above reached the city,

THE DREAMS OF VIRGINIA

success of her agriculture and the later triumphs of her statesmanship have not satisfied her wants. A man born to greatness wastes his strength in vain and often ludicrous mistakes; yet, impelled by a consciousness be can neither explain nor un-A destiny has overshadowed this Com-

were beneath the hills, and the gateway of P. M., and continued to rise at the rate of

line that passes through this State, and HERE IT LIES PURE AND UNLIMITED.

the night for a year or a generation.

hereafter.

rector of the church greeted his old friends and parishioners and many new ones, the ladies furnished the best of temporal food, and the occasion was one of the most enjoy able in the history of the wenerable church. many fresh frientiships were formed and all

The Richmond and Atleghany Rallroad

FROM LYNCHBURG.

mended. Of course the condition of the river prevents a discharge of her cargo, and it will be several days before she will be

THE CHESAPEAKE WHARVES.

one hundred miles, here a leyel way extends | At 6 o'clock last night the water had risen and the grain-fields of a continent, and here | wharves-the quickest rise since the wharves were established.

THE OLD DOMINION WHARVES. ship Company were entirely overflowed, placed upon the sea the cheapest steel the and the water nearly reached into the office world can produce and upon the great river at 5 o'clock. At the same hour the water was nearly even with the dock-gates and on the opposite side of the river with the work-

lying at the Danville wharf, on the Chesterfield side of the river. She was laden with kerson, Mr. Parsons said that more than 400 barrels of flour, shipped by the Gallego double the minimum amount of stock re- Mills Company, and 50.000 shipped by Wil

> The Capacity was a schooner-rigged barge plying between this city and Norfolk, and was owned by Captain Ennis, whose loss is about \$1,000.

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